that this cost came in and that it was not a great hardship, considering the convenience.

*Chief Judge.*—It is good for the purpose of study. There is no use of discussing such a small matter. It is in practice for a year and within so short a time you want a change.

SUBJECT No. 98

Return of original documents produced in civil courts.

Mr. T. Nanjappa, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

*Summary of Representation.*—Witnesses when they are summoned to give evidence in civil cases, are required frequently to produce documents for which no receipt is given by the court. The original documents are liable to be tampered with. If they are given in sealed covers, the courts will not receive them. For this reason, people deny the possession of documents. It is therefore prayed that copies of the original documents may be taken at the cost of the party calling for the same and the original returned to the party. In the Bombay Presidency, the courts take a copy of the original documents and after certifying it by comparing with the original return the latter to the party. At the time of enquiry, the original is called for and examined. At least, this system may be followed.

*Mr. L. Vema Reddy* suggested that the original need not be returned by the court, and that it is enough if only a certified copy is given to the party.

*Reply of Government.*—We will refer the matter to the Chief Court and consider what facilities can be created in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Raising the pecuniary jurisdiction of the mofussil Munsiffs' Courts.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

*Summary of Representation.*—Pecuniary jurisdiction of the Munsiffs which is, at present, limited to Rs. 2,500 may be raised as the litigants have to go far from their places to Bangalore, Mysore or Shimoga, involving them in pecuniary loss, if the amount exceeds Rs. 2,500. The arrangements proposed will not increase the arrears in courts as some people think.

*Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar* opposed and said that the present system might continue, as there was already much work in the Munsiffs' Courts.

*Reply of Government.*—There is no urgent necessity to raise the jurisdiction just at present.

SUBJECT No. 100.

One of the peons of the taluk offices may be permanently attached to the Bench Courts.

Mr. P. Kempaiah, Seringapatam Municipality.

*Summary of Representation.*—Stipendary magistrates get all facilities. Our work is honorary and yet carries no prestige. Even a belted peon is denied to us. We therefore pray that a peon from the taluk establishment may be permanently attached to the Bench Courts.

*Reply of Government.*—The question of giving establishment for Bench Courts is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 101.

Disposed of files of the Bench Courts to be filed in the records of the taluks concerned.

*Summary of Representation.*—It is requested that all files disposed of in criminal cases tried by Bench Magistrates may be ordered to be kept in the taluk records.

*Reply of Governmeut.*—It is a matter of procedure which need not be discussed here.

Mr. P. Kempaiah, Seringapatam Municipality.